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To: Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee

From: Polly Reber

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Re: SB 1017

The Michigan Distributors & Vendors Association, MDVA, supports SB 1017, Senator Kahn's bill to clarify specific language to implement the digital cigarette tax stamping program in Michigan passed in 2012.

While we disagree with the Department of Treasury that this clarification language is actually necessary, we have agreed to these specific changes so as not to hold up the implementation process any longer. This is important because our members have already incurred significant costs for which they are to be reimbursed to implement the stamping program in the State, and to date have not received any reimbursement for any of those costs.

MDVA began working with Treasury on digital stamping implementation in 2013 and as pointed out, a number of our member wholesalers have now incurred significant costs to implement digital stamping operations in their facilities. We support SB 1017, and would like to see the bill passed as quickly as possible.

MDVA wholesalers have a long history with the state as tax collectors, collecting almost \$1 billion in tobacco tax revenue annually.

